CLAIMS:

1.   A method for operating a speech recognition facility, comprising the steps of:
             receiving and storing a stream of concatenated speech items;
             recognizing various such received speech items;
             and associating a representation of recognized speech items for operative
outputting;
             said method being characterized by the following further steps:
             a. from said stored speech items, selecting a first non-recognized speech item for
recognizing viz à viz an actual limited vocabulary to get a recognition representation or a failure;
             b. through said failure selecting a second non-recognized speech item for
recognition whilst maintaining said actual limited vocabulary and returning to a);
             c. and through said recognition selecting a third non-recognized speech item,
amending said actual limited vocabulary and returning to a);
             d. until attaining a sufficient amount of recognitions for said operative outputting.

2.   A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said selecting in step b) operates
substantially along with the progress of time.

3.   A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said selecting in step b) allows to step
in a direction counter to the progress of time.

4.   A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said selecting under b) is arranged to
practice word spotting.

5.   A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said selecting under b) is selectively
modified to recognizing words in a spoken sentence.

6.   A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein in step c. the selecting of said third
item bases at least in part on relative positions of earlier recognized items and their recognition
results.

7.   An apparatus being arranged for implementing a method as recited in Claim 1, said apparatus comprising receiving means for receiving and storing a stream of concatenated speech items, feeding recognizing means for recognizing various such received speech items, and associating means for associating a representation of recognized speech items for operative

5   outputting,

            said apparatus being characterized by comprising selection means for from said stored speech items selecting a first non-recognized speech item for recognizing viz à viz an actual limited vocabulary to get a recognition representation or a failure, retrocoupling means fed by said recognizing means for under control of said failure selecting a second non-

10   recognized speech item for recognition whilst maintaining said actual limited vocabulary and returning to a), but through said recognition selecting a third non-recognized speech item, amending said actual limited vocabulary and returning to a), until attaining a sufficient amount of recognitions for said operative outputting.

15   8.   An apparatus as claimed in Claim 7 and encompassing an audio/video consumer facility.